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Re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

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For: Artificial Hemi-Lumbar Interbody
Spinal Implant Having an Asymmetrical
Leading End and Method for Installation
Thereof

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including 2 drawing replacement sheets is attached following page 21 of this paper.

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